

Trump reinstates economic, travel sanctions on Cuba

On June 16, 2017, President Trump issued an executive order that would reinstate some restrictions on trade and travel with Cuba

Changes under the Trump administration



Individual travel ban

Requires that Americans who want to visit the country for “educational purposes” must do so through a licensed tour group



Economic sanctions

Prohibits Americans from doing business with companies owned by GAESA, a military-run conglomerated



Human rights sanctions

Requires regular reporting on human rights progress in Cuba



Diplomatic relations

Diplomatic relations will remain open, and there will be no additional restrictions on goods Americans can take out of Cuba

Going forward:

- Trump’s restrictions decrease the chances that the trade embargo will be lifted
- Republican lawmakers have routinely blocked bills that would relax the embargo
- For sanctions to be lifted, Cuba must free all political prisoners and hold free and fair elections